

## CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A method of playing a matching game, including a plurality of pairs of figurine game pieces, each pair of figurine game pieces depicting a different type of animal, comprising:

positioning the figurine game pieces randomly at a single location;

allowing each player to choose one figurine game piece from the location while concealing the identity of the animal depicted on the figurine game piece from the other players;

allowing each player to pick an opponent player and query whether that opponent player has a match for the animal depicted on the first player's figurine game piece; and

determining a winner of the game by a player obtaining a set number of pairs of matching figurine game pieces.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said animals reflect the animals of Noah's Ark.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said game pieces reflect one of canine breeds, seal life, endangered species, insects, dinosaurs, and birds.

4. The method of claim 1, further including wild game pieces which allow the making of a pair with any other game piece.